

REMARKS

The Specification and Abstract have been amended to remove the word "said" as suggested by the Examiner. In addition, claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 have been amended to obviate the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection thereof, and a new claim 9 has been added to recapture some of the subject matter deleted from claim 6. Also, the claims have been amended to eliminate reference numerals and some superfluous language.

Although claims 1 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102, claims 2-4 and 8 were deemed to have allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 8, that claim having been canceled, and claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-7 and 9 should be in condition for allowance, and the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If any further issues remain after this amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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